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APPLICANTS: M. Burzynski et al : GROUP ART UNIT: 3763  
SERIAL NO: 09/360,877 :  
FILING DATE: 07/23/99 : EXAMINER: D. Blyveis  
TITLE: SELF-BLUNTING NEEDLE MEDICAL :  
DEVICES AND METHODS OF : ATTY DKT: P-1522-1  
MANUFACTURE THEREOF :

**FEE ACCOMPANYING  
INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT  
SUBMITTED PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(c)**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 12, 2001

Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), the Applicants herewith disclose for consideration in the above-captioned patent application the documents listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449, copies of which documents were cited by the Examiner or submitted with an IDS in the application of Mark J. Burzynski et al in Application Serial No. 08/772,002, filed December 19, 1996, on which the present application relies for an earlier filing date under 35 USC 120.

**FEE**

The enclosed Statement is being submitted pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), more than three months after the filing date of the above-captioned application and after the mailing of a first office action on the merits, but before the mailing of a Notice of Allowance or Final Action. Accordingly, submitted herewith is the fee of \$180 prescribed by 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.17(p).

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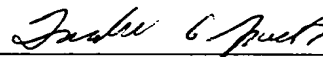
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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c), the Applicants herewith disclose for consideration in the above-captioned patent application the document listed on the enclosed form PTO-1449, a copy of which document is enclosed therewith.

**STATEMENT**

The undersigned hereby states pursuant to 37 CFR 1.97(c) and 1.97(e)(1) that the item of information disclosed herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this statement.

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